

CLAIMS:

1. A method of shaping a weather-resistant anti-slip panel comprising producing a pattern of cuttable lines in a cut-resistant anti-slip coating on a rigid substrate and subsequently cutting the substrate along selected lines to obtain a desired panel shape.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the substrate is weather resistant and the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating is solely applied to a working surface of the substrate.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the substrate is weather vulnerable, the whole of the outside of the substrate is coated and the pattern of aggregate-free lines or the like is solely applied to a working surface of the substrate.
4. A method as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 comprising producing a pattern of drillable areas in the cut-resistant anti-slip coating and subsequently drilling the substrate.
5. A method as claimed in claim 4 comprising producing a pattern of intersecting cuttable lines to form the pattern of drillable areas at the intersections thereof.
6. A shapeable, weather-resistant anti-slip panel having a cut-resistant anti-slip coating on a rigid substrate and having a pattern of cuttable lines therein; whereby, in use, the substrate can be cut along selected lines to obtain a desired panel shape.
7. A panel as claimed in claim 6 wherein the substrate is weather resistant and has the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating solely on a working surface of the substrate.
8. A panel as claimed in claim 6 wherein the substrate is weather vulnerable, the whole of the substrate is coated and the pattern of intersecting lines is solely applied to a working surface of the substrate.

9. A panel as claimed in any of claims 6 to 8 and having a pattern of drillable areas in the cut-resistant coating; whereby, in use, the substrate can be drilled at selected areas to obtain a desired placement of fixing holes.

5 10. A panel as claimed in claim 9 and having a pattern of intersecting lines to form the pattern of drillable areas.

11. A panel as claimed in any of claims 6 to 10, wherein the pattern comprises anti-slip cuttable lines or drillable areas on the or each working surface thereof.

10 12. A panel as claimed in any of claims 6 to 11, wherein the anti-slip coating comprises anti-slip particles in an adherent coating.

13. A panel as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12, wherein the or each working surface has a pattern of anti-slip particles embedded therein.

14. A panel as claimed in claim 8 or claim 9, wherein the pattern comprises particle-free lines or areas of coated substrate.

15 20 15. A panel as claimed in any of claims 6 to 14, wherein the substrate has a Shore D hardness of between 80 and 100.

16. A panel as claimed in any of claims 6 to 15, wherein the substrate has a maximum deflection of 25° when 1 kg is suspended from a fixed panel test piece 100 mm long x 20 mm wide x 3-3.5 mm thick.

25 17. A panel as claimed in any of claims 6 to 16, wherein the cut-resistant anti-slip coating includes an angular and cubic particulate with a Polished Stone Value of between 50 to 100 and a mohs hardness of between 9 and 10.

30 18. A method of shaping a weather-resistant anti-slip panel substantially as described.

19. A shapeable, weather-resistant anti-slip panel substantially as described.

20. A shapeable, weather-resistant anti-slip panel having:-
  - i) a rigid substrate having a maximum deflection of 25° when 1 kg is suspended from a fixed panel test piece 100 mm long x 20 mm wide x 3-3.5 mm thick;
  - 5 ii) a cut-resistant anti-slip coating on a surface of the substrate;  
and,
  - iii) a pattern of cuttable lines in said coating.
21. A panel as claimed in claim 20, wherein the substrate is of a weather resistant material and the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating is solely on a working surface of the substrate.  
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22. A panel as claimed in claim 21 wherein the weather-resistant substrate material is selected from the class comprising glass reinforced plastic; resin; thermo-set or thermo-plastic materials.  
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23. A panel as claimed in claim 20, wherein the substrate is weather vulnerable, the whole of the substrate is coated and the pattern of intersecting lines is solely applied to a working surface of the substrate.  
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24. A panel as claimed in claim 20, wherein the weather vulnerable substrate material is wood.
25. A shapeable, weather-resistant anti-slip panel having:-
  - 25 i) a rigid substrate having a Shore D hardness of between 80 and 100;
  - ii) a cut-resistant anti-slip coating on a surface of the substrate;  
and,
  - iii) a pattern of cuttable lines in said coating.
- 30 26. A panel as claimed in claim 25, wherein the substrate is of a weather resistant material and the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating is solely on a working surface of the substrate.

27. A panel as claimed in claim 26, wherein the weather-resistant substrate material is selected from the class comprising glass reinforced, plastic; resin; thermo-set or thermo-plastic materials.

28. A panel as claimed in claim 25, wherein the substrate is weather vulnerable, the whole of the substrate is coated and the pattern of intersecting lines is solely applied to a working surface of the substrate.

29. A panel a claimed in claim 28, wherein the weather vulnerable substrate material is wood.

30. A shapeable, weather-resistant anti-slip panel having:-

- i) a rigid substrate;
- ii) a cut-resistant anti-slip coating including an angular and cubic particulate with a Polished Stone Value of between 50 to 100 and a mohs hardness of between 9 and 10 on a surface of the substrate;
- and,
- iii) a pattern of cuttable lines in said coating.

31. A panel as claimed in claim 30, wherein the substrate is of a weather resistant material and the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating is solely on a working surface of the substrate.

32. A panel as claimed in claim 31, wherein the weather-resistant substrate material is selected from the class comprising glass reinforced, plastic; resin; thermo-set or thermo-plastic materials.

33. A panel as claimed in claim 30, wherein the substrate is weather vulnerable, the whole of the substrate is coated and the pattern of intersecting lines is solely applied to a working surface of the substrate.

34. A panel a claimed in claim 33, wherein the weather vulnerable substrate material is wood.